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# THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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VAIN IS THE FAITH THAT MAGNIFIES THE CROSS  
BUT WILL NOT COUNT THE THINGS OF EARTH BUT LOSS!



## Editorially Speaking

### THE GREATNESS OF GENTLENESS

In his old age, the warrior David, looked up to God and said, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." It could mean a mere confession that he had been unworthy of the fame that had come to him as a warrior and king. It is certain that he did not mean to renounce all his military deeds, for in the same Psalm he said, "By thee I have run through a troop; by my God have I leaped over a wall. . . . God is my strength and power . . . He teacheth my hands to war." He was not turning pacifistic. Yet, as he thought over his life, he realized that if he had any true greatness, it was the greatness of God. Not only had God been very gentle toward him, but he had learned to be gentle himself.

It is not mere politeness that has taught us to call good men "gentlemen." If they are truly great, they are gentle—at least most of the time. We do not honor Washington for his powerful temper, but for his patience under trial and his kindness toward inferiors. We do not honor Lincoln as a rail-splitter, but as a pre-eminently gentle man. We have almost forgotten the famous Archbishop Laud, but we remember the gentle Wesley. We respect the crusader, Bill Sunday, but we much prefer the milder Moody.

Yet in this age of revolution and violent social change, of brutal sports, or arrogant science, and of grasping after power in religious circles, Bible-believing Christians wonder whether the meek shall inherit the earth—very soon. In an age of violence, must not we become violent defenders of the faith? Had we not better do as David, slash and slay with sword and spear, and wait to become gentle in our old age?

Undoubtedly there are times when we must be as heroes treading the earth, and not as fugitives that silently steal away. Let the battle cry ring out at our conventions, and the stern challenge to stand for truth and righteousness be often heard in our pulpits; but let us not get so in the habit of fighting, that we preach belligerently all the time. Let us not make our churches into arenas for weekly prize fights, in which we al-

ways seem to win because our opponents are not there to answer back. We need to minister the balm of Gilead to wounded hearts more often than administer gall to the hypocritical. Our people need more loving than lambasting.

In the pastoral office, especially, it is gentleness that makes ministers great. The pulpit message must at times be harsh, but in the counselling room or in the home, the personal message must be one of understanding love. Sympathizing tears will do more good than scolding words. Not only do we have David's word for it, but we have Paul's: "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves."

### SIMON OF CYRENE

Ralph T. Nordlund

Simon of Cyrene bore  
The cross of Jesus—nothing more.  
His name is never heard again,  
Nor honored by historic pen;  
Nor does his image win acclaim  
Upon a pedestal of fame.  
Simon of Cyrene bore  
The cross of Jesus, nothing more.

And yet, when all our work is done,  
And wealth and honors have been won,  
Our hearts may sicken over praise  
And long for simpler, honest ways.  
Perhaps our hearts at last will pray,  
"Good Master, let thy record say,  
'Along life's pilgrimage he bore  
The cross of Jesus,' nothing more."

### TIME TO PLAN YOUR DVBS

Good Vacation Bible Schools do not just happen. It is not too early for the pastor to talk over the matter with the chairman of the Christian Education committee or with the superintendent of the Sunday school, whichever officer is authorized to call an organization meeting. The date for the school needs to be set, the age limits determined, and a committee appointed to secure a principal and the required number of teachers and helpers. All this takes time, and it will likely be April 15th before all that gets done. Then the principal and the teachers need to get together to choose the course of study, and by the time the material arrives it will be the first of May. If your school is to begin the week after the public schools close, that gives the teachers and their workers only a month to study the lessons and plan and order the handcraft or

other supplementary material. Only well prepared workers can put on a good school, for noisy, eager children will not help them after once the sessions begin.

We have another reason for giving this reminder to start planning Vacation Bible School early, and that is the meeting of the GARBC at Rochester, Minnesota, June 22-26. Every church in fellowship with the General Association should plan to send its pastor or other messengers there. Therefore Vacation Bible School should already be over by June 19th, or else it should be planned for some time later in the summer. Early June and late August are the two good dates for Vacation Bible School; and the latter date is only good for evening sessions, for the days are generally too hot.

Let's plan for good Vacation Bible Schools, where the Bible will actually be taught, and where boys and girls can find Christ. Then, as soon as they are over, let's tabulate the results and send in the news to the OIB!

### INDEPENDENT BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

We told of the organization of this Institute last month, and of its teachers. Now W. Eugene Schlechty supplies some other interesting facts. The chairman of the Council and acting director is Pastor Lynn Rogers of Northfield—the vice chairman is Pastor Kenneth Nelson of North Royalton, the secretary is W. Eugene Schlechty of the Rocky River church, the treasurer is Gerald East, of the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford.

A big rally was held at North Royalton Jan. 27th to promote the Institute, with 160 attending. The student registration thus far totals 125 from 14 churches. The speaker at the rally was Rev. Joseph Bower of Toledo.

Henry C. Geiger is busy preparing six more T-V films for the Children's Gospel Hour. They began "shooting" one Feb. 28th. Seven stations began the original series either for the first time, or as a re-run.



# CHINESE REFUGEE CHRISTIANS COMING

For once we have stolen the march on the modernistic National Council of Churches. The fundamental American Council has arranged to have a group of refugee Chinese clergymen tour America from March 5th to May 5th. In 1957 we had groups of refugee clergymen from Russia, Poland and Hungary come to counteract the damage already done by Red church leaders that toured the country under the sponsorship of the NCC. This time they are having difficulties with our state department in arranging for such a tour of Communistic churchmen from China, and we are beating them to it by getting anti-communist pastors to tour the country first.

Yet it is not too soon. The National Council is planning for a peace campaign from June of this year through June of 1960, in which they hope to persuade the American people that the time has come to recognize Red China and in general make friends with the Communist nations. This proves, of course, that they are back of the 5,000 word message prepared in Cleveland last November by the Fifth World Order Study Conference and which is now being studied in some 150,000 churches. Perhaps it would be more correct to say the message has been sent to that many churches, but that only a third of them will study it or be actively sympathetic. Nevertheless, it behooves every loyal American to oppose that propaganda. It is not unlike the softening up campaign that went on in China for several years before that nation was taken over by the Communists. During that period some of the missionaries and mission schools were very active in setting forth the "good" in Communism and that Christians had nothing to fear from the agrarian reforms that it would bring. We have no doubt that such "missionaries" did about as much as Chou-En-Li and Mao to deceive General Marshall and other gullible American diplomats, who persuaded Roosevelt and Truman to desert Chiang Kai Shek and the Kuo-Min-Tang government.

While we may rejoice that our churches have nothing to do with the National Council, we must not forget that if America ever turned Communist, it would be our lead-

ers who would be liquidated. Then our churches would be forced to join the National Council of Churches or go underground! We would suffer, and the NCC Quislings would be honored—for a time!

We are sure our people will want to hear these Chinese Christians if they possibly can, and we hope the schedule of dates and places will reach the pastors in time to advertise the meetings. The question is whether enough churches will take the trouble to send in \$10 each to make this venture possible.

## RISEN

He is not here, but risen,  
The grave no more his prison,  
As living Lord He reigns!

He is not here, but near us  
To comfort and to cheer us  
And ease us in our pains.

Soon He will come in glory  
To prove the Easter story  
And snap our mortal chains!  
—R. T. N.

We are adding our testimony to the letters the pastors have already received, because we believe this is the most effective method we can use to wake America up. We are not doing it only to fight the National Council, but to help keep America free. Most of our fundamental propaganda falls flat on an indifferent and even hostile press; but this thing will go. Americans are very curious about conditions in China. The newspapers know it and will give these meetings good coverage. In that way we will not only be able to warn the American public against the Communistic leanings of the National and World Councils, but we will get in a witness for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The editor thinks this opportunity is "terrific," to use modern slang! Let's make the most of it, and support it with our presence if we can, and with our gifts and prayers.



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# THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

By Rev. T. Fred Hussey, Chairman, Council of Ten, OARBC, Niles, Ohio



Rev. T. Fred Hussey

What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ mean to you? That is a very important question because it deals with the heart of the Christian faith. Without a clear scriptural conviction on this subject, men can have no spiritual security for the present nor hope for the future.

The gospels give us the historical account of the resurrection, but to find the meaning of the resurrection we must look into the book of Acts and the epistles.

Here are some of the thoughts from this part of the Bible which convey exactly what the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead can mean.

First and foremost, the resurrection of Christ is the source of blessing which brings the forgiveness of sins. Peter, in his second sermon preached in Solomon's porch, said: "Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities" (Acts 3:26). It is the risen Lord who brings the joy of sin's forgiveness. David cried: "Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." We may join his company at this glad season, lifting our voices in fervent praise to Him who came in triumph over death to grant forgiveness of sin.

The resurrection of Christ from the dead is also the great rock foundation of our faith. Undermine faith and you destroy the basis of true religion. Faith is

the devil's target. He seeks to supplant or destroy faith in the resurrected Christ.

How important faith is can be seen in the story of Abraham. Paul spoke of him as one "who staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed unto him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed unto him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up our Lord Jesus from the dead."

Paul's point here is that Abraham's faith is re-duplicated and rewarded in those who in this age trust in the God who raised Christ from the dead. The only difference between Abraham and the believer of this age is that Abraham's faith rested in what God *would do*, our faith rests in what God *has done*.

Another great meaning which the Scriptures set forth on the resurrection of Christ is the assurance of the resurrection of our bodies from the dead. Rising to the full height of resurrection faith, the Apostle Paul said, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11).

Liberal theology has destroyed

for millions of people the true meaning of the resurrection. In one of the nation's prominent magazines a spokesman for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., said in a 1954 issue: "With a few exceptions our churches do not interpret the phrase in the Apostles Creed 'the resurrection of the body' as meaning the physical body. They understand the resurrection of the body as a reference to the spiritual body, which is a medium of growth and self-expression appropriate to a spiritual world." Such spiritualizing of resurrection faith robs the resurrection of Jesus Christ of its true meaning and leaves men with an empty hope.

For us the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Resurrection of the body, as well as the giver of spiritual life. The empty tomb speaks in unison with the witness of the Spirit within our hearts, assuring us that some day these earth-bound bodies shall burst the sod and cleave the skies, freed from mortality and its limitations, to live forever with our resurrected Head.

The meaning of the Empty Tomb

Declares the resurrected Christ  
Has burst the chains of death  
to bring

Immortal life to sinful men.

But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept. (I Cor. 15:20).



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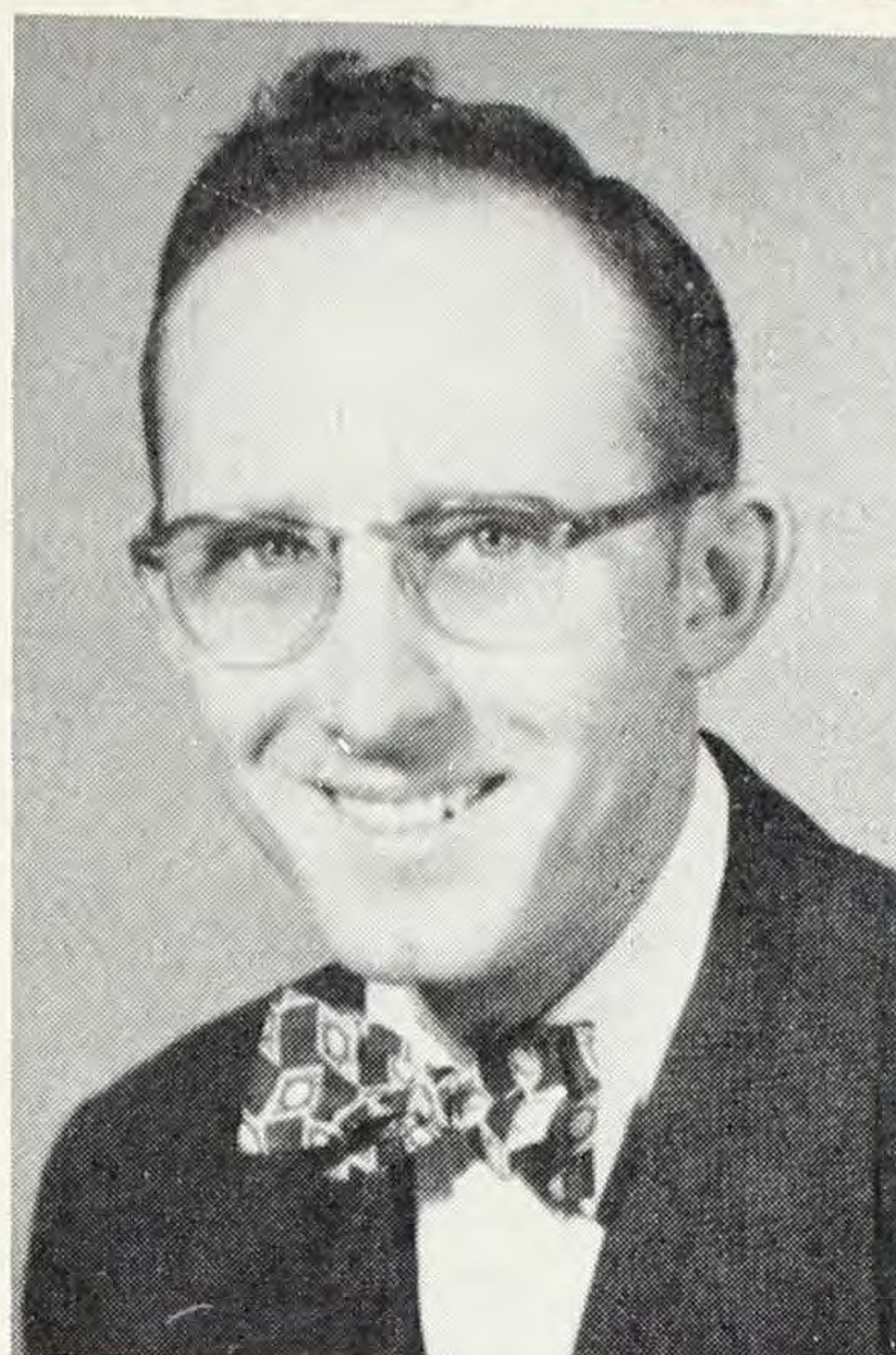
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# WARREN D. JACOBS CALLED TO WAUSEON

The First Baptist Church of Wauseon extended a call Feb. 4th to Warren D. Jacobs of Lima to become its pastor, after he had served as pulpit supply for some time. They had heard several men after Rev. Martin Holmes had gone to pastor the Wheelersburg Missionary Baptist Church last November, but they felt more and more drawn to Brother Jacobs and naturally he also became better acquainted with each visit and came to feel this was God's place for him. He accepted the call and moved to 216 N. Shoop Avenue, Wauseon, as soon as the floods allowed it.

The new pastor graduated from Auglaize Rural High School in 1941 and then served in the U.S. army for two years during the war, part of the time in Italy. After the war he graduated from the three year theological course of the Nyack Missionary Training College of Nyack, N. Y. in 1949. That fall he enrolled in Wheaton College and graduated with a degree of B.A. in Christian Education in 1951. After attending graduate school at Wheaton for one year, he transferred to Grace Theological Semi-



Warren D. Jacobs

nary of Winona Lake, Indiana, to finish the work for the B.D. degree, which he secured in 1954.

That same year he and his wife united with the Northside Baptist Church of Lima, Ohio, where they have been active in Christian work since. He taught a Sunday school class in the adult department and later in the Junior de-

partment. He also helped organize a Christian Service Brigade and served as Chief Ranger. His wife was also active in visitation work. During this time, Mr. Jacobs taught a sixth grade at Perry Local School for four and a half years. He resigned his position to accept the pastorate at Wauseon.

Mrs. Jacobs has had the advantage of a secretarial course at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, and so will be able to be a real help in the work at Wauseon. They have been blessed with two children, Ruth Ann, who is four, and Darlene, who is 16 months.

The Association wishes both the church and new pastor rich blessings from heaven. The First Baptist Church of Wauseon came into our association about eight years ago, under the ministry of Earl Cochrane and has been active in the North Bethel and state associations ever since, giving liberally to Cedarville college and taking an active interest in Camp Patmos. We might add that Pastor Jacobs will soon be ordained, plans already being under foot to call for a council in April.

## TRUE or FALSE?

### FACTS VS FABLES ABOUT THE JEWS

The world, and even many professing Christians, have for centuries given heedless acceptance to three major false teachings about Jews. They are:

1. The Jew is under God's curse.

No more than any other, "God hath concluded them all (Jew and Gentile) in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all." Rom. 11:32

2. The Jews have their own religion.

They don't have Christ, and "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

3. You can't preach Christ to the Jews.

The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" to both Jew and Gentile. (Rom. 1:16) And Jews are responding to the gospel.

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Sunday is Christ's election day. If Christ's purposes are defeated it will be by the stay-at-home votes of members and others.

## OVER THE LINE FENCE

By Raymond Folk, Medina, Ohio

(Several years ago Raymond Folk ran his "Over The Line Fence" series in the OIB. He has continued to write it in The Medina Trading Post, which he edits. We are glad to use them from time to time, whenever we find room in our pages.)



Raymond Folk

Hello neighbor. In an announcement of the visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile and the request for donors the chairman said, "There is no substitute for blood. No one knows whether it will be you or your neighbor who will be the next to need it." It was a splendid appeal to give in order to supply the need of another. It reminded me of how another had responded to our need. For it is written that

"Christ died for our sins;" "the just for the unjust;" "He bore our sins in His own body on the tree." He did something for us as our substitute before the judgment of Almighty God that we could not do for ourselves. He obtained eternal redemption for those who would trust Him.

There is no substitute for His blood either. "Except by the shedding of blood is no remission," so reads God's Word. And there is a reality in the experience of the release from the burden of sin when one gives reception to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Expression of this is often sung in these familiar words:

"There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains."



## THIRTEEN BLESSED YEARS AT EAST SIDE BAPTIST

March first Pastor Verne L. Dunham will have completed thirteen years of service at the East Side Baptist Church of Lorain and begin a new pastorate at Castile, N. Y. For health reasons he is leaving a work that has grown from 103 members in '46 to 425, and is taking a church that averages 150 in Sunday school.

During his ministry at Lorain he has seen the Sunday school attendance grow to an average of 350, and the church services have grown in the same way. The church was rebuilt during his pastorate so 300 could be seated comfortably at the church services, and the auditorium became so crowded that in 1955 the church began to look for a new location where a larger church could be built. Dr. Meek, whom we understand to be a member of the church, gave six lots on Euclid Avenue, and twenty more were bought at a cost of \$7,600 so that the church would have a whole



Rev. Verne L. Dunham

city block on which to build. A building fund was started, and now \$50,000 have been raised with which to begin. The plans are complete and accepted and it only remains for a new man to come and lead in the building enterprise.

Rev. Verne Dunham has been

active in all the activities of the Hebron and Ohio associations. He served one term on the Council of Ten, and for the last few years has been a trustee of Camp Patmos and a chairman of a committee which is on the lookout for a home for the aged. Mrs. Dunham has also been active in working for Camp Patmos, and has served as vice president of the state Women's Missionary Union for two years.

The Dunhams have four children. A daughter, Vaughn, is teaching music in the Nunda Central School system in New York state. A son, Valgene, is a freshman at Houghton College, N. Y. Two boys, Virgil and Verlee, are freshmen in high school.

We will miss the Dunham family very much, but we will enjoy having Brother Dunham with us in August, when he will be back to speak at the Senior Camp at Camp Patmos. May the Lord richly bless them all, and give him a renewal of strength.

## FOR YOUR WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE 1959-60

(You'll Have To Start Now!)

By Elaine Sinclair, Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid, Ohio

Before you tuck the holiday memories in moth balls, I'd like you to do some recalling. Did your church have a Watchnight Service? Did you go? Did the evening thrill your heart? If your answer was "No," then you must admit that something must be done to restore the Watch Night Service to its proper place. Would you let me share a wonderful experience with you?

By the way, I'm Elaine Sinclair, and my home base in this pilgrimage is the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church of Euclid, Ohio. I am Editor of "The Challenger," our church and Sunday School paper, and acting Director of Publicity, and this latter includes keeping the Historical Record.

The past year I have given the greater part of my time to the organization of church publicity, and futilely sought to find someone to be Church Historian. Almost before I knew it, November appeared on my calendar, and still there was no one to record the 1958 church history. I talked to the Lord about it again, for great was my desire to find someone to

relieve me of the Historical Record. The Lord said, "Do it yourself!" Are you surprised that the Lord is a "Do-it-yourself" fan? I tried to talk myself out of it and suggested others more capable, but He said, "Do it yourself," so I did.

Part of our Watch Night service is given over to the Historical Record, and this was my private "Waterloo." I was determined not to stand up and read a written report, so I talked to the Lord about that, too, for I wanted to do something that would be completely different. I waited upon the Lord—November turned into December, and still no answer. Then over the ironing board one Saturday in December the answer came—have a radio program. Use interviews, tapes of the choir, and include colored slides. It was a completely detailed answer. I could neither add to it nor subtract from it. Truly He is a wonderful, loving Lord, and when we wait upon Him our reward is great.

Every person who took part in the program not only gave his

best, but gave himself in extra hours of special preparatory work. The enthusiasm was tremendous, and the cooperation was tops. Because of a very busy holiday week, we had no time for rehearsal, so we used a regular radio script. Those on the program came early, using extra moments to read over their parts. Pastor named the program, "Living Echoes." The narration went from January to December. Special events were accentuated by live interviews, tape recordings of the choir, or colored slides. The narrator was Norm Timmins, and he was accompanied by our organist, Mac Spence with background music. We used the church's Public Address system under the direction of Tom Rolland and Dave Green. Our announcer was Mary Carlson. Frank Dowd presented the colored slides and narrated them. Tom Gruelle was "Johnny-on-the-spot" with the lights. It was a fast-moving program. Even the audience participated in singing hymns. The high point was an interview by our

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## FOR YOUR WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE 1959-60

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church missionary, Agnes Zalokar, with a number of young Christians who made their decisions during our Rev. Harry Trover evangelistic meetings in September.

The success of the program was the Lord's. We were just instruments He used to recall vividly the blessings and milestones of 1958. What was done in our church, you can do in yours! Size or wealth make no difference. It's the initiative that counts. Someone in your church family surely must take slides of church events—borrow them—we did. Someone must have tape recordings—ask to use them—we did. Live interviews add that very personal touch we all like, but keep them concise.

Why don't you plan *now* for 1959's Watch Night service at your church? Use vision, and don't be afraid to try something completely new. Remember, we are challenged today for the success of tomorrow!

### IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The London Daily Express quoted Hon. David Kirkwood, M.P., on the difference drinking or non-drinking made to 33 of his youthful acquaintances. Twelve drank and gambled; himself and ten others joined a temperance club.

This is what happened to the Jolly Twelve (all drinkers):

1. House agent, poisoned himself at 30.
2. Found dead at 30.
3. Committed suicide at 31.
4. Disappeared at 25.
5. Died in mental home at 30.
6. Drowned himself in Clyde at 26.
7. Poisoned himself at 32.
8. Did wrong and fled the country.
9. Jumped into Clyde — drowned, 35.
10. Committed suicide, 36.
11. Committed suicide, 35.
12. ? ? ?

Here's what happened to the Abstainers:

1. Became manager, Beardmore mills.
2. Manager, great engineering works.
3. Succeeded to father's business.
4. Controls successful business.

## MEMORIAL BAPTIST DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

February 8th was a great day for the Memorial Baptist Church of Columbus, when a total of 1,300 attended the three services of the day, three were saved, and many re-dedicated their lives. Pastor C. C. Clawson preached in the morning, President James T. Jeremiah of Cedarville College gave the dedication sermon in the afternoon, and Dr. Owen Murphy of London, England, preached at the evening service. The Men's Quartet of Cedarville sang, solos were rendered by Ray Goble and Mrs. Owen Murphy, and the local choir was at its best. Minor parts were taken by Rev. W. E. Ashbrook of the Calvary Bible Church, Rev. Coleman of Faith Baptist, Rev. Wm. McKeever of Central Baptist, and Rev. Wm. Brock of Emmanuel Baptist. The noon and evening meals were enjoyed together in the dining room downstairs. They served a double purpose of fellowship and of saving time, so all who wished could take in all of the services of the day.

We will let the newspaper reporter tell the rest of the story, except to say that we congratulate Pastor Clawson, his building committee, and members upon this great forward step in the progress of this church. The Lord turned evil into good, since the forced relocation has given them more room in a better part of West Columbus. Pastor Clawson has seen this church double in membership and treble in attendance since he came there thirteen years ago; and we predict that in the next two or three years it will double again.

"The new building replaces the

5. Engineer, retired well off.
6. Errand boy now owns business.
7. Foreman, large building firm.
8. High position in leather factory.
9. Master builder, Glasgow.
10. Manager, important Glasgow business.
11. Member of Parliament (Kirkwood).

Of the drinkers none lived beyond 36. Of those who joined the Temperance Club, all lived to at least 63, and every one of them prospered.

W. A. Scharffenberg,  
in Youth's Instructor

original church, moved from 26 S. Sandusky St. to make way for expressway construction.

"Work on the building, started soon after groundbreaking on June 1, was delayed first by a freak wind that collapsed the partially-completed church.

"The auditorium of the \$150,000, red brick Colonial building is furnished with blonde oak furnishings and cushioned pews. The steel baptistry behind the choir section is built beneath a stained glass window, carefully removed from the original church and placed in the new building.

"A sound-proofed nursery, ladies' parlor and choir and class rooms on either side of the rostrum are features of the building. A room at the front of the church may be opened by folding doors to increase auditorium capacity to 725.

"First-floor wing houses the pastor's study and additional class rooms. Sixteen class rooms in the basement will accommodate approximately 500. Kitchen is furnished with Youngstown kitchen equipment.

"The front porch and portico, with tower housing the church bell and new organ chimes are features of the Colonial structure.

"Space for 600 cars is provided on the parking lot in the rear of the building and a garage is now underway for the two church buses and a car.

"Plans are underway for a new parsonage to be built on the site in the spring. Rev. C. C. Clawson, pastor for the past 13 years, now resides at 3027 Crescent Drive."

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# EVIDENCE FOR THE DEITY OF CHRIST

By Rev. Homer E. Graven, Avon, Ohio

## II.

Last month we studied the evidence of Christ's power to change material substance. It was found in the second chapter of John's Gospel—the first of the five that he recorded to prove the deity of Christ. We remember that it was the miracle of turning water into wine. Only God could turn the element of water into wine without the use of chemicals or natural ferments that take time. Jesus did it and so we see that he was God.

This month we want to study

### THE EVIDENCE FROM HIS POWER TO HEAL THE SICK

In chapter five of this same Gospel of John we have the account of Jesus' miracle of healing the paralytic man. What a wonderful story! What a wonderful display of supernatural power! Again this miracle was not done in secret. It was performed at a time when many Jews were in the city of Jerusalem. According to verse one, it was at the time of a feast in Jerusalem. We cannot be certain which feast was being held, but this is relatively unimportant. The most important fact is the miracle itself. No doubt many Jews were visiting in the huge temple area, as would be indicated by the celebration of a feast.

Here was a man who had been a paralytic person for many years. In fact he had been in this condition for thirty-eight years. Apparently there was no medical help for this man, nor for any of the other persons lying around the pool. Along comes the Lord Jesus. He takes knowledge of the unusual illness of this man. He could not move himself, but was dependent upon others to move him. He may have been the most crippled and hopeless of all these folk. One thing we can be certain about is that Jesus Christ never took anything that was easy or humanly possible to manifest His deity.

What does Jesus do? He doesn't call for a physician. He doesn't take him to a hospital. He doesn't take him into a secluded place, nor does He call for any one to help Him. Jesus said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" In other words, Jesus asked the man if he wanted

to become well. The reply of the crippled man suggests his understanding of his helpless physical condition.

Then the Saviour said, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." There is more to this miracle than appears at first. Jesus heals this man's infirmities, and the man is divinely cured of his sickness. The other part of the miracle is this, he walks immediately. Have you ever thought of this man walking without ever having taken a step in thirty-eight years? Let a per-

### "SPEAK OUT FOR GOD"

You talk about your business,  
Your bonds and stocks and gold;  
And in all worldly matters  
You are so brave and bold.  
But why are you so silent  
About salvation's plan?  
Why don't you speak for Jesus,  
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,  
And the crops of corn and wheat;  
You speak of friends and neighbors  
That pass along the street;  
You call yourself a Christian,  
And like the gospel plan—  
Then why not speak for Jesus,  
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus  
And the story of the cross,  
That you lower His pure banner  
And let it suffer loss?  
Have you forgot His suffering?  
Did He die for you in vain?  
If not, then live and speak for Jesus,  
And speak out like a man?

I'd like to tell the story sweet  
Of Jesus. Wouldn't you?  
To help some other folks to meet  
Their Saviour. Wouldn't you?  
I'd like to travel all the way  
To where I'd hear my Saviour say:  
"You helped My work along today."  
I'd like that. Wouldn't you?

—Christian Beacon

son be off his feet and legs, confined to his bed for a few months or a year and he must learn to walk all over again. This man not only walked, but took up his bed and carried it with him. It simply means that Jesus Christ healed the infirmities, gave him complete strength in his feet, legs, back, arms, and all parts of the body as would be true of a healthy person, whose body had been developed through the process of natural growth and phys-

ical exercise from childhood to manhood. Nothing short of a supernatural power, confined only to the Godhead, could bring about such a miraculous healing. Again John cites this miracle to confirm to us the absolute deity of the Saviour. He does so because this is the theme of his book—the absolute deity of Jesus Christ.

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# NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT MINFORD

The Grace Baptist Church of Long Run was organized with six charter members January 13th. It is located at Minford, Ohio, a small but growing community twelve miles northeast of Portsmouth. The pastor is Rev. John A. Lawhead, who is serving as a missionary under The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. He and his wife and three children, pictured here-with, are living on the field and have Route 1, Minford, Ohio as their address.



The work was begun last October first as a Bible Study Class, composed of a small group of believers interested in hearing the Word of God. Three of the neighboring churches helped supply teachers for the study: Rev. Raymond Cole, pastor of the South Webster Baptist Church; Rev. Fred Chase of the Twin Valley Baptist Church; and Rev. Thomas Bunyan, assistant pastor at the Temple Baptist Church of Ports-

mouth. As soon as the church was organized, a call was extended to Rev. John L. Lawhead to be the pastor; and he and his family moved on the field February third. Sunday services began the next Sunday, with 24 out to Sunday school, and 26 at the evening service. Four more members have already been added to the charter roll, making ten in all; and three more are planning to come in soon.

The OIB congratulates Pastor Lawhead and the FBHM and the

other Baptist churches in the area who have been instrumental in opening up another Baptist testimony in the southern part of the state. We have long felt that we ought not leave this field to the American and Southern Baptist conventions, but multiply our own work there. It is the most Baptist part of our state, and most of them are old-fashioned Baptists too. That may make it harder for them to see the need of our fundamental Baptist testimony, but with Denison and Rio Grande as modernistic as they are, and with Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville going modern fast, we should be able to go down there and wake them up. The Minford church is planning to come into our state and national associations; and we believe that will be a big encouragement to the independent Baptist churches at South Webster and Twin Valley to come in also.

## SEASONAL HOLINESS

By Pastor R. Kenneth Smelser, Medina, Ohio



R. Kenneth Smelser

This is the time of year when we meet folks who have stopped theatre-going, using strong drinks, eating meats and chocolates. We are told it is Lent, in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness forty days. It is a "seasonal holiness," whereas the New Testament teaches a daily living for Christ.

We are not seeking to deny anyone the right to carry out his own

religious beliefs. On the contrary it is our desire to show what we think is more precious and true. God's apostle, Paul, wrote to the "new creatures in Christ" at Colosse (2:20-23) and spoke against Asceticism, which means self-denial. "If you died with Christ to the world's rudimentary notions, why, as if ye still lived in the world, do you submit yourselves to dogmatisms (ordinances) founded on the teachings and doctrines of men, such as, 'Do not handle this,' 'You must not taste that'—all things which are intended to perish with the using? For these precepts, although they have a show of wisdom with their self-imposed devotions and fastings and bodily austerities, are of no real value against the indulgence of carnal appetites." In another translation we read it, "Which

do not really honor God but only satisfy the flesh, creating a reputation for superior sanctity."

Judging as to meats and drinks, observing holy days, such as Lent, Easter, Good Friday (especially when Christ was not even crucified on Friday) is called "shadows of things to come." They are for the days *before* the cross (Col. 2:14-17). We who have placed our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are "risen with Christ" (3:1), and we ought to be living on resurrection ground. Freed from the shadows, we enjoy the liberties of Christ in a holy life at all times. The Bible says, "It is not that which goeth into the mouth which defileth a man, but that which cometh out" (Matt. 15:11). My appeal is that we be transformed by faith in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for ever, and not just for forty days.



# FROM THE WOMEN'S POINT OF VIEW



Mrs. Smelser

Edited by MRS. THEONA S. SMELSER, 125 Friendship St., Medina, Ohio

(Women's activities and things of interest to women should be sent to Mrs. Smelser. What about one of *your* recipes? Recipes for child raising too, or building a Sunday school class, getting time for prayer, etc.)

## WHY MISSIONS?

"Why not let the heathen alone? They are happy the way they are." Have you heard this question? Only recently a church member and nominal Christian asked this very thing. It was in respect to the Jews in our country. "They worship God. Why do they need missionaries?" The answer is that unless they know CHRIST they are lost. "They are without excuse," Paul said to the Romans. Belief in God is not enough. The Devil believes in God. But the issue is what we do with Christ. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and no matter how sincere the Jew is in his worship of one God or the African in his worship of a Creator, they need salvation.

## COUNTERFEITS

Only a moment before, my little boy had asked me for some money to buy school supplies. Confidently reaching for my purse, I had dug down into its recesses, brought out a quarter and given it to him. Barely hesitating, he had handed it back to me with words I'll never forget:

"That won't do me any good, Mother. That's lead."

I was stunned! I had handed my child a counterfeit coin and he had detected it immediately.

I had no intention of deceiving him, of course, and I quickly exchanged a genuine coin for the counterfeit. But afterward there was a time for self-examination. Had I been handing my son other counterfeits far more dangerous that couldn't be so readily exchanged for the real thing? If so, sooner or later, he would be handing them back because they lacked the true ring of genuineness.

And how is it in your home? If Christ is not real to you, you can never make Him real to your children. You cannot teach them to know and love the Lord Jesus un-

less you know and love Him yourself. You cannot teach them quiet trust in Him when you have worried all the joy-light out of your face. You cannot teach them the love of God if there is a root of bitterness in your own heart. You cannot teach them to read God's Word if they never see it in your hands. You cannot teach them to pray if they never hear you pray.

How keen is a child's perception in discerning between the real and the artificial, the false and the true! Are you handing your little ones the lead of empty profession? Then do not be surprised if your boy or girl hands it back and says, in effect.

"That won't do me any good, Mother. That's lead."

—Copied from Moody Monthly

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You can't control the length of your life, but you can control the width and depth.

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## FROM MY RECIPE FILE

### Apple

1 cup sifted flour  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
1 cup oatmeal  
1 1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter (or oleo)

Mix the above together, cutting in the butter to make a crumb mixture. Press half of the mixture in bottom of greased long pyrex cake pan. Pare and slice about 3 cups of apples and arrange them in pan on top of crumbs. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup white sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Put remaining crumb mixture over the top. Bake at 350 for about 25 minutes or until apples are done. Serve as dessert either warm or cold.

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## TO SOME BURDENED CHRISTIAN

Where is one who doesn't bear some burden or have some problem in their life or home? Thus it seems the Lord leads to drop a word of comfort. A precious verse has been brought to my notice lately and I pass it on to you. Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong

and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Perhaps some reading this page are in sorrow at the loss of a loved one. Our blessed Lord can fill that place. If our loved one was a Christian, what a triumph to have passed into His very presence. It makes Heaven seem a little closer and the blessed hope of His return a little more blessed. Yes, it may be that before tonight we shall all be up there together! All these trials and hard places in our lives are there for a purpose, and this is it: that we might be more conformed to His image. In Romans 8:28 we love those words which say that all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. And then the next verse tells us what His purpose is: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image, of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." When we melt before Him in sorrow and lean closer on His bosom, we are being molded more into His image. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3

## HIS WAY

God bade me go when I would stay  
('Twas cool within the wood),  
I did not know the reason why.  
I heard a boulder crashing by  
Across the path where I stood.

He bade me stay when I would go;  
"Thy will be done," I said.  
They found one day at early dawn,  
Across the path I would have gone,  
A serpent with a mangled head.

No more I ask the reason why,  
Altho I may not see  
The path ahead, His way I go;  
For tho I know not, He doth know  
And He will choose safe paths for me.

—Selefted

We trust that many of you ladies from all over the state will gather for the Spring State Women's Meeting held April 21 in Columbus at Immanuel Baptist Church. It is always a joy to gather for this special fellowship.





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Memorial Baptist—Columbus .....	25.00
Ambrose Baptist .....	15.67
First Baptist—Rittman .....	40.00
Bible Baptist—Newark .....	8.50



## OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGE . . . .

### WHAT OUR CHURCHES ARE DOING

#### BROWN ST. BAPTIST, Akron

God is continuing to bless the ministry of Pastor Dean Henry, who is now in his seventeenth year at Brown Street. Almost every month the baptismal waters are stirred. Eight obeyed their Lord in the ordinance in January and Feb. 14th there were already four more who are waiting for baptism.

A rather unique Saturday evening class is meeting with the pastor this winter to study theology, using Dr. Shedd's famous text as a guide.

#### MEMORIAL BAPTIST Columbus

The Word of Truth Youth Rally of Columbus was held Feb. 14th at the newly dedicated auditorium of Memorial Baptist, 2435 Eakin Road. The program was in the hands of the Cedarville College Choir, who majored in music, and yet brought stirring testimonies also.

#### FIRST BAPTIST, Niles

A Sunday afternoon service was held Jan. 25th, at which a large group of converts were baptized. Several special services are being planned for February, March and April. Feb. 10-12 Rev. Joseph Gori, a converted Catholic who had spent 20 years as a missionary priest in China, spoke on how to win Catholics to Christ. Mar. 26-29 Dr. Arthur Williams of Cedarville College will hold a Bible Conference, and April 19-22 Dr. R. T. Ketcham, National Representative of the GARBC will preach.

#### BETHANY ASSOCIATION

The association held its monthly meeting Jan. 19th at the Independent Baptist Church of North Jackson, with Rev. Ben Garlich of Huntsburg, and Rev. Norman Hoag of Garrettsville as the speakers.

Feb. 7th the Bethany Youth Fellowship met at the First Baptist Church of McDonald, with Rev. Alfred Colwell, Eastern Representative of the GARBC, as the speaker. Refreshments were served after the service.

#### GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST, Cuyahoga Falls

Pastor Stanley Collison enjoyed a two week's vacation with friends at Bradenton, Ocala and St. Petersburg, Florida in the first half of February. Members of the church very ably filled the pulpit while he was gone.

#### FIRST BAPTIST, Galion

The eighth Harvest Home Service was held in November, when food gifts were brought to the church and presented to Cedarville College. President James T. Jeremiah was the guest speaker and the Male Quartet of the college furnished the special music. The picture below indicates how much canned goods was given.



#### CALVARY BAPTIST, Tiffin

The North Bethel Youth Rally Jan. 31 was a real success, with most churches in the association contributing to make a full house. Rev. Clarence Townsend of Bowling Green was the speaker. The Lord has also blessed the labors of Pastor G. H. Wiseman and his people. A Young Married Couples' Class has been organized that has an attendance of around 14, with John Teeters as teacher. The attendance at Sunday school has grown from 40 to 60, and has been up to 70. Twelve have been taken into membership since last May, ten of them by baptism.

#### FIRST BAPTIST, Strongsville

The church has been able to lease the old town hall for their own exclusive use, and so can use the building for a full program of services and put up their own

sign. They are planning to organize as an independent Baptist church soon and will then apply to the association for affiliation. Good news, indeed!

#### CALVARY BAPTIST, Findlay

Here is another good church that may soon be coming in with us, at least they are trying to find a pastor of our fundamental Baptist persuasion, to follow the work of its founder, Dr. T. Richard Dunham. Dr. Dunham began the work twenty-three years ago as the Calvary Gospel Church and led in its organization as a Baptist church now some seven years ago. He has carried on a strong Bible preaching and conference ministry, and is the oldest radio preacher over WFIN. During these years he has taken in nearly 600 members, and leaves a debt-free church in down town Findlay with a membership around 300. As announced last month, he will continue his publishing business at 717 N. Main St., Findlay, and also carry on a Bible conference ministry.

#### FIRST BAPTIST, Van Wert

Rev. D. B. Gehres of Latty, Ohio, who is a deacon in this church and a very good friend of our association, writes that the Lord has given them an interim pastor in the person of Rev. R. A. Frook of Cadillac, Mich. Attendance is picking up and a spirit of love and unity is prevailing in the congregation. While this church is not yet in our association, it has taken our separationist stand for years and we rejoice in the good news that God is blessing.

#### BAPTIST CHURCHES IN SPAIN

Far away? Yes, but some day we may feel what they feel. Three Baptist churches have been closed by government order the last six months. The government does it upon the demand of the Roman Church. Rome's real nature is only seen where she has power. Here she preaches tolerance so that we will be tolerant toward her minority position; but she knows no tolerance when she is in the majority.



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### FIRST BAPTIST, Elyria

With Sunday school attendance up 50 to 100 over last year's records, the church facilities are crowded to the uttermost. The worship services are crowded too, and the Baptist Training Union groups, from Primary through the Adults, are well attended. March first the Moody Institute's latest film on the Sunday school will start off a Bible Survey course in teacher training. On a Wednesday night six Junior Minute Men boys received Christ; and the following Sunday three more children responded.

### CALVARY BAPTIST, Byesville

Pastor H. P. House writes of the loss of a charter member, deacon and Sunday school teacher Jan. 26 in the person of Homer Pimlott. He says, "Brother Pimlott was a great stalwart of the faith in this area; a well-read Bible teacher and expositor. He was like a father to me. Mrs. H. K. Finley is his sister." May the Lord comfort the sorrowing and give the church some other stalwarts to carry on His work.

### FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST, Tallmadge

The church was so encouraged by a great revival last November that it has decided to have four evangelistic efforts in 1959, the first one to be held Feb. 24 to March 4 with Rev. Claude Slagel of Atkins, W. Va., as the evangelist. Last fall the church asked C. B. Dickenson of Johnson City, Tenn., to be the evangelist for meetings in November, but prepared for it by having a whole week of prayer, meeting in groups of ten in practically every home of the congregation. The result was such a revival the converts could not be counted, so many coming forward; but the final additions to the church by baptism were 37! It goes to show a church can have a revival today if it is willing to pay the price!

### FIRST BAPTIST, Gallipolis

The First Baptist Church is prospering under the ministry of Pastor Howard Young, with 25 new members being welcomed Feb. 1. Sixteen of them were baptized the previous Sunday. A new

# Camp Patmos Season One Month Closer . . . . PLAN TO ATTEND NOW!

Last month we announced the directors for the five Junior and four Senior camps. Now we can announce the evening speakers. Soon we will announce the missionary speakers.

#### JUNIOR CAMPS:

	Director	Speaker
June 29-July 4	Norman Hoag	Gerald Barlow
July 6-July 11	George O'Keefe	Lynn Rogers
July 27-Aug. 1	Martin Holmes	Elliott Horton
Aug. 10-Aug. 15	Clarence Townsend	Homer Graven
Aug. 17-Aug. 22	William Brock	Harold Carpenter

#### SENIOR CAMPS:

	Director	Speaker
July 13-July 18	Earl Leiby	Max Tucker
July 20-July 25	Glenn Greenwood	Karl Smith
Aug. 3-Aug. 8	Leonard Travis	Verne Dunham
Aug. 24-Aug. 29	Robert Reynhout	Earl Willetts

Next issue we will set the clean-up dates for May. They will be doubly important this year, for there may be some finishing work on the inside of the chapel.

Remember the total price this year will be \$15, a small raise that has been long over-due. We should have charged that last year. Reservations will still be \$3 in advance, sent to Robert Barrett, Kipton, Ohio.

#### HOW CAN YOU EARN YOUR WAY TO CAMP PATMOS?

Well, each church might do it differently, but the Sharon Baptist Church of Sharon, Penna., has been using a "saving stamp" system. It is not too late yet, except each stamp would have to be worth \$1. Most any gummed label will do on which the one chosen as the "banker," an adult who loves young folks, of course, will write "Good for \$1 at Camp Patmos" in hand-writing that no one else can imitate. And he or

she will have to be willing to keep strict books on each saver, so it means considerable work.

First Baptist of Elyria is giving \$\$\$\$ for getting subscriptions for the Ohio Independent Baptist. Say, the editor wishes a dozen more churches would start that kind of a contest! Each new subscription earns the contestant 10 points, and each renewal earns 5 points. Fifty points equal \$1 to be used in going to Camp Patmos, which means each contestant will have to get at least 50 points in order to benefit by \$1. One hundred fifty points would provide the usual amount of spending money—\$3. Some ambitious young person might even win 750 points and earn \$15!

Of course, there are individual ways too for ambitious young folks, who shovel snow, mow lawns, clean house or baby-sit and save—shall we say, half of it? It is surprising how quickly boys and girls can earn their own way to Camp Patmos if they really try.

monthly mimeographed paper, The Lifeline, is being published with announcements, news, and something for young and old. A special offering for the work of the GARBC was taken recently that amounted to \$141.

#### REGULAR BAPTIST PRESS ADDS ANOTHER WORKER

Rev. Fred M. Barlow, an experienced pastor and Sunday school teacher from Michigan, has been added to the staff of the Regular Baptist Press and will be

available for Sunday school conferences after April 7th. Surely Editor Merle Hull needs that help, with the pressing duties that hold him to the Chicago office.

### FIRST BAPTIST, Medina

At the annual business meeting, Jan. 22, reports showed that \$13,564 had been given to missions the past year, besides about the same amount having been collected for expansion of the building. The

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## BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEW HOME

By this time the Blessed Hope Baptist Church of Springfield is well settled in their new church plant located at 315 S. Kensington Place, in the northwest portion of the city. They moved in for Christmas Sunday, but much remained to be done then. Now they are getting ready for the dedication services, which they hope will be held in May.

The old church was located on Selma Road on the close-in south side, where they had made the utmost use of what room they had and were bursting at the seams—literally so! There was no more room for expansion, nor was there hardly any parking facilities. Besides, that part of town has been deteriorating for some time.

The new location is well out in a growing section of the north side, in an area of good homes, just a short block west of Highway 68. When the sanctuary is finally erected, it will be visible from the highway. The present building pictured below will then serve as the educational unit. Now it serves as both.

The present building is a two-story structure 100 by 50 feet in size and was erected at the cost of \$100,000. It has a temporary auditorium that seats 425. New pews have been installed, so it will look worshipful. There are two spacious nurseries on the first floor, and a registered nurse will supervise them during both the



Sunday school and morning worship hours. The pastor's study and two secretarial offices are also on the first floor. Two assembly rooms make it possible to conduct two graded Junior church services while the regular worship service is going on in the auditorium.

A unique sound system has been installed, which makes it possible for any major room in the building to enjoy music from the central control room—or shut it off at will. In this way the adults can enjoy lovely Christian music in the auditorium, while the young people are meeting upstairs.

The interior decorating was planned by an interior decorator. She even chose the drapes and the floor tile pattern. This means the church has a correct color scheme in the various rooms.

The Lord is blessing since the re-location. Several families have come into the church and recently five were baptized. Ten more are now studying to prepare for membership.

The association not only wishes this church well as it labors to fill this new building, but is anxious to see it next October. We have been invited to meet in our annual meeting there Oct. 12-15.

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new mission budget will add another \$520 and provides full support for two foreign missionary families as well as partial support to many others. Pastor R. Kenneth Smelser spent two weeks in January in Florida.

At the time of writing, evangelistic meetings are in progress under the direction of Rev. Chelsea Stockwell of Beckley, W. Va.

### CALVARY BAPTIST, Bucyrus

The Sunday school entered two contests, as did several others in our fall Harvest Contest—entering also the Christian Life Contest. Strangely, it came out second in its class in the Fall Harvest Contest, losing to Bethlehem of Cleveland by 12 points, while it

won over the same church and over all others in Ohio in all classes in the Christian Life Contest. The explanation, of course, is that in the first it was actual increase of people that counted, while in the other it was percentage increase. The church is rejoicing in this first Ohio award in the Christian Life contest and seventh in the nation. It will receive several prizes of equipment for the Sunday school.

### CAMDEN BAPTIST, Kipton

The church is rejoicing in the gift of a Claude Foster organ, which was one of seven in that county. We know that Pastor Robert Barrett and his congregation will make good use of it to the glory of God. This makes six of our churches that have received these organs.

### FIRST BAPTIST, LaGrange

The First Baptist Church of LaGrange was recently blessed in Revival Meetings January 20th through February 1st with Evangelist Curt Wetzel. There were many convictions and some immediate results evidenced through the ministry of the Word. The abiding blessings of the meetings are with us yet as we have witnessed a renewed vision and a revival in the church.

The ministry of our Brother Wetzel was so well received that by popular consent the Church desires his ministry again in the near future. Brother Wetzel is an excellent airplane pilot and as a memory work prize he took a total of 35 folks for rides in a plane on the last Saturday of the meetings.

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## ANOTHER BIG FELLOWSHIP PAGE

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"The new Sunday School building is completed and in use now. A dedication service is being planned for the near future. God is blessing the church for which we thank and praise Him."

**CEDAR HILL BAPTIST,**  
Cleveland

The Erieside Mid-Winter Bible Conference was held this year at the Cedar Hill church to take care of the crowds that want to take in this annual feast of Bible truth. The speakers this year were Dr. Frank Torrey, Lancaster, Pa., Dr. John W. Murray, president of Shelton College of Ringwood, N. J., and Dr. Herman Hoyt, dean of Grace Theological Seminary, Winoona Lake, Ind. The dates were Feb. 15-22.

**WHEELERSBURG**  
**MISSIONARY BAPTIST**

It is too soon to report the blessings of revival Pastor Martin Holmes began in his own church Feb. 15th, but we can rejoice that the Lord used him to reach eleven souls at Eden Park and several made decisions at Madison. He has been in continuous revival work Jan. 19 to March 1.

**CALVARY BAPTIST,**  
Bellefontaine

When the Vernon Weber family was ready to go back to the Dominican Republic, the church became concerned because they did not have enough money to get the Volkswagen station wagon they had hoped to take with them—less than half enough to buy it and get it on the field. It didn't take long to raise the rest among the members of the congregation and now they are already enjoying it on the mountain roads around Ciudad Trujillo! With the three seats in it, there is room for nine passengers; with two seats there is room for six and sound equipment; and with one seat, it makes a good carry-all such as do-it-yourself missionaries need.

**BETHEL BAPTIST, Warren**

The Wesley Smith family were given a real send-off as they departed for San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 28th. They will attend language school there and then go on to their work under the Central American Mission in Nicaragua.

The church raised \$1,470 the week before to present to them for travel expenses. A planning meeting was held by the leaders of all departments Jan. 23rd to lay plans for the whole year of 1959. The very first item was a day of fasting and prayer Jan. 31 to prepare for the Robert Sumner revival of Feb. 1-15.

**REV. C. DOUGLAS BURT BUSY**

The Church News section of St. Petersburg Times carries a feature story of the work of Rev. C. Douglas Burt, who is the first full time prison chaplain the Pinellas County Jail has had. He was appointed last October to help prisoners to find the way back to respectability and to God. He deals with about 20 juvenile delinquents a month, and in that city of older people, with many more adults. Most of them get in trouble through drink, he says. His task is to help them get in touch with relatives, supply them with good reading matter, chiefly the Bible, even to get a shave before trial, and to do all he can to lead them to Christ. Already he has been used to turn one murderer from a life of hate to that of a loving soul-winner, as he waits his time to go to the electric chair. For friends who may wish to write him, his address is 4127 Seventh St. S., St. Petersburg, Fla.

**BETHEL BAPTIST, Erie, Pa.**

The annual meeting Jan. 27th revealed a year of rich blessings. Sixty were taken into the fellowship of the church, 36 by baptism, and the net gain was 34. The Sunday school attendance has grown since Pastor Gilbert came from an average of 420 to 536 this last year. Missionary gifts totalled over \$17,000, while over \$8,000 was given to the Bethel Founda-

tion, which is a revolving fund used to help start new churches in the Erie area. This last year the Garden Heights church, the first to receive aid, was given \$8,500 to help them build their first unit and besides, the church helped them get a mortgage of \$17,500 to complete the building. Since much volunteer labor went into it, this mission church is appraised at \$51,500.

Another forward step was to promote Rev. Ed. Fuller from Youth and Music Director to the full status of Assistant Pastor.

**BIBLE BAPTIST, Columbus**

The church has voted to continue sending the OIB to each family in the membership for 1959. **CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS!**

**NORTON CENTER BAPTIST**

This is to report to you a great revival meeting held at the Norton Center Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio by J. Oscar Wells of Batany, Oklahoma.

Rev. Jack T. Downs is Pastor of this church and has been for the past 2½ years, during which time the Sunday school attendance has grown from approximately 90 to 518 on January 25, closing Sunday of the revival. This was the first successful revival in a good number of years. Many of the members of the church were skeptical of the outcome of the extended revival meeting, but in the 12 day period there was a great Spiritual awakening of God's children, and every service the Lord gave to us some type of decision. There were sixty people saved, twelve people rededicated their lives, thirty-seven united with the church and one decision of full (Continued on page 19)



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## ATTENTION: WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SPRING RALLY'S COMING

1. The Spring Rally will be held in the Immanuel Baptist Church, 195 Powhatan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 21, 1959. The first session will begin at 10:30 A.M. and the afternoon session at 1:30 P.M.

1. Plans are now being made to have a catering service serve the noon meal at the church.

3. Dime bank offerings should be mailed not later than March 30 to Mrs. George Milner, 3279 Warrensville Rd., Apt. 150, Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

4. Missionary groups which have changed officers since the last registration should mail the list of their present officers to Mrs. Dean Mayo, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio.

5. The group of ladies in the Cleveland area is chartering a bus to make the trip to Columbus. Perhaps groups in other sections of the state could follow this plan and make it possible for more to attend the spring rally.

6. Pray for and plan to attend the spring rally on April 21, 1959.

## BEREAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP MEETS

"Take my life, and let it be,  
Consecrated Lord to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them  
move,  
At the impulse of Thy love,  
At the impulse of Thy love."

With these words from the beloved old hymn as the theme for the day, the Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship of northern Ohio and Erie, celebrated their third anniversary at Brookside Baptist Church in Cleveland. Mrs. John Balyo, our President, presided over the meeting.

The morning hour consisted of a hearty welcome by Mrs. Martin Bigelow of the host church, followed by song service and Scripture reading. Activity reports were then given of the work being done for our missionaries in the individual groups. These activities are a result of the work shops which were held during our fall meeting at Cedar Hill Baptist Church in September. Our efforts were more than repaid as we listened to the letters that were then read from the missionaries of St. Lucia thanking us for the boxes of clothing and Sunday school material that were sorted and packed at that time, and from the missionaries in Montana who received the flannelgraph backgrounds that were painted at the same time by the ladies.

A very enlightening report was then given by Mrs. William Knudsen, wife of the local representative of Hi.B.A. (High School Born Againers), a work among our Christian youth of high school age.

During the morning business hour, the necessary money was allotted to finish paying for the furnishings of our room at the girl's dormitory at Cedarville.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. John Strong  
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Ernest Whitney

The following were elected for a second term:

Secretary—Mrs. Robert Buncher  
Treasurer—Mrs. Victor Norris

In the afternoon, special music was provided by the Brookside Ladies' Trio and soloist, Mrs. E. V. Wicker.

We then had the blessed privilege of hearing Mrs. Clarence Jeunnette, recently returned mis-

sionary from French Equatorial Africa, who really challenged our hearts with the work on that needy field.

To celebrate our third birthday as a Fellowship, a spiritual birthday offering was received; a penny for each year of Christian fellowship with our wonderful Lord and savior. While the candles burned brightly on the cake, we sang the words to the dedicatory hymn that we had chosen as our theme for the day.

Mrs. Robert Buncher,  
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# A HURRY-UP VISIT TO MEXICO

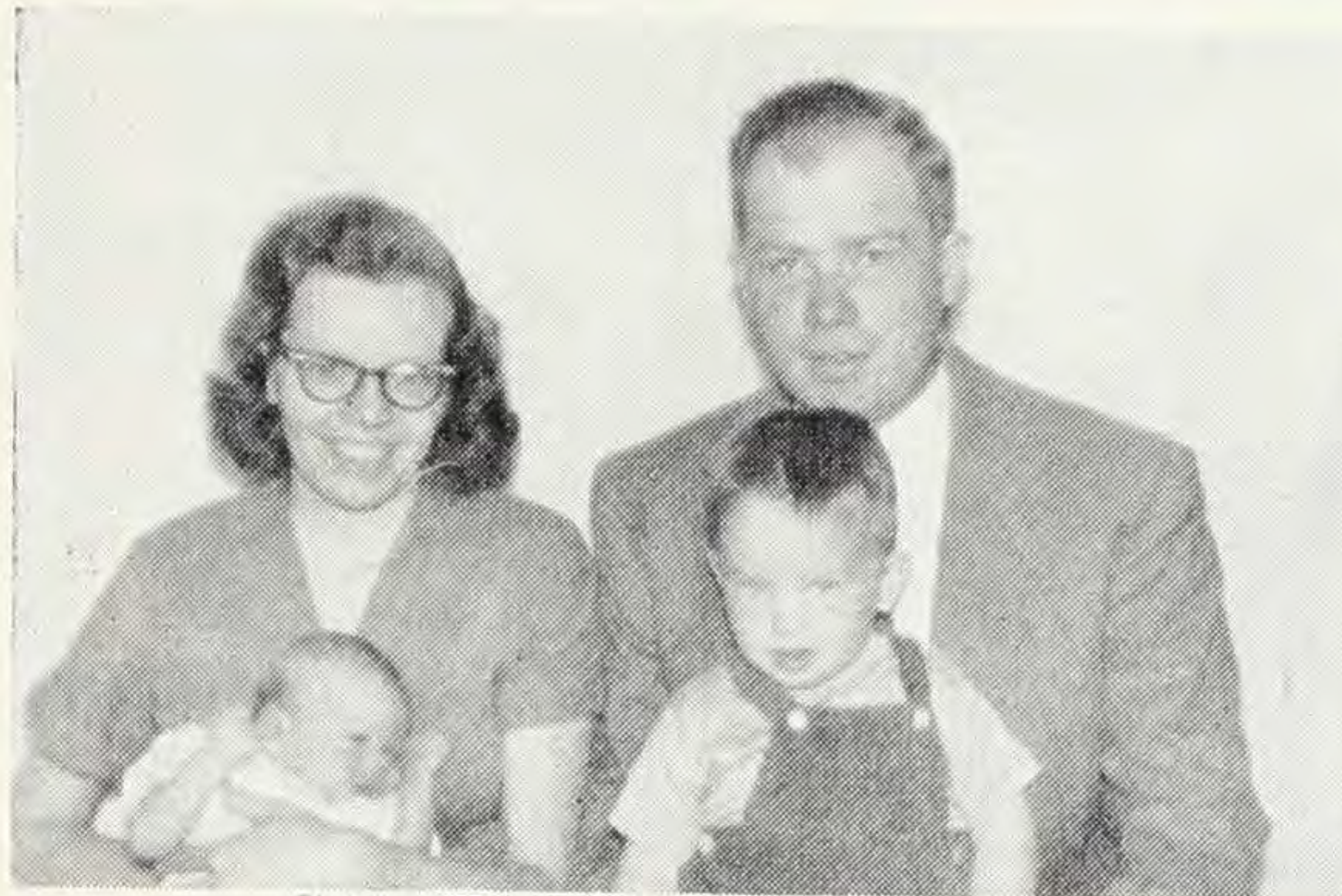
By Rev. Lewellyn Thompson, as retold by Mrs. Geneva Stotts of Dresden, Ohio

December 15th, Donald and Jane Knicely, brother and sister of our senior missionary in Mexico, Rodney Knicely, and myself, as president of the Bible Mission, left Zanesville and headed south by plane for El Paso. We wanted to meet Rodney there and get down to his mission field, at Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua in time to take part in the Christmas Bible Conference that was slated to begin the 22nd. There wasn't much time but we had to help them shop in El Paso, as they always do when they come across the border; and then there was the long trip to Cuauhtemoc across the semi-desert uplands of Chihuahua, though we did not have time or mind to pay attention. We were anxious to see the station and what progress had been made the last year. What we saw brought praise to our lips.

Rodney Knicely is a pretty good bargain hunter and makes a good pioneer missionary. When they lost their lease on the building they were using for a conference center and church, the Lord led him to find land that could be bought, on which a mission station could be built. You would have thought he would have built his own house first, but then he would not be able to pay for the land or could any one tell how long it would take to get a conference and church building, and a home for the Sam Hornbrook family. Anyway, it was quite a problem, but as we said, Rodney is a trader, and so he traded some second hand things he had and got a cement block machine. They can just make one block at a time, and we Ohioans can just imagine how long it would take to build our houses one block at a time; but where there is a will there is a way. In one year's time they have erected a conference building 40 by 25 feet and built a four room and bath house for the Hornbrooks. We got there just in time to help them lay the floor and seal it, and helped them move in Dec. 21st.

The conference began on the 22nd and each service there were about 50 that came to feast on the Word. Brother Knicely taught the Seven Feasts of Jehovah and

on the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. I preached also through Brother Knicely as an interpreter. Mrs. Knicely is of Spanish descent and says that Rodney murders the Spanish language; but the people love him just the same and understand what he tries to say. It is wonderful how Sam Hornbrook



*Sam Hornbrook and Family*

is also learning the language in one short year, and is already teaching at some of the stations. At the conference he played his trombone, while Miss Jane Knicely helped out the services with her accordion.

We wish we could have stayed and taken in the whole conference and so report on it all; but Sam Hornbrook has written since that they feel they can see real growth in the native Christians, as they have learned new truths in God's Word. The thing that blessed our hearts so much was the love they have for the people in the U.S.A. who make it possible for them to hear the Gospel. On our last night there they gave us an offering for our daily radio program, the Life and Light program over WILE. To think that while we have so much more than they in material things, yet they desired to help with the spread of the Gospel here in the States. It really touched our hearts.

## THINGS TO PRAY FOR

We have already explained that Rodney Knicely has held off building a home for himself until he could get the other necessary things done and the land paid for. We should pray that the \$1,200 still owing may soon be paid, as God lays it upon hearts to help.

Next, the Hornbrooks desperate-

ly need either a truck or a carry-all. They will be coming home this summer to attend our June and August Bible conferences at Zanesville, and to re-new their visas. They will be available for speaking engagements in churches or conferences. They have slides to show of their field and work; and we hope they can go back with the needed transportation. We will also be available to speak about the work and show slides; and we trust that the Lord will open doors for us to help enlarge this work. Not only do our present workers have needs, but more workers are needed to evangelize that needy land.

The Hornbrooks seem to be raising boys that they hope will be missionaries in the future. Of course, Stephen was born before they went down there, but Dec. 26th the Lord gave them David Ray, who just missed being a Christmas present by fifty-three minutes! We are sending the OIB a picture of the Hornbrook family and hope it is clear enough so it can be used.

Our trip was a very short one, but truly a rich blessing. Even though all planes were delayed and some completely cancelled, the Lord saw to it that we made our trip down and back in time to get to Tallmadge, Ohio, on Christmas night and begin their End-of-the-year Conference at the Fundamental Baptist Church, where our good friend, B. F. Cate is pastor.

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# WITH OUR APPROVED SCHOOLS

## CEDARVILLE FACES AN ENROLLMENT OF 250!

In writing to one of our Ohio churches, President James T. Jeremiah said:

"By September 1959 we should have 250 students enrolled in Cedarville College and by 1960 there should be 300 who will be depending upon us for a college education. This statement is an estimate based upon our enrollment this year. We will have classrooms for this number of students if we make a few changes in the present buildings but we will urgently need more dormitory rooms. The trustees are making plans now for this increase in enrollment. Our first project will be the improvement of our present buildings so that they can be used

to their maximum capacity. In order to do this we should have \$10,000

### FOR REMODELING PROJECTS.

As the money is available we shall install new heating equipment in two of our dormitories and improve the interiors and exteriors of all of the buildings which will house our young people while they are with us. Two of our trustees have given a total of \$1,025 to a special fund for the improvement of our housing facilities. Thank you very much for your prayerful interest."

We would say that this is not only wonderful news, but a tremendous challenge. Ohio must lead in supporting this school

within our own borders. Every OARB church ought to give liberally and pray earnestly for this school and its faculty!

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENT CONFERENCE

With a new Business Administration course, there should be more high school Seniors coming than ever to look the school over. April 17th there is Campus Tour, Chapel, Lunch and film, ball game with Ohio Northern, Student Skit, and an Operetta. April 18 there is a Youth Rally in the morning and another ball game, Cedarville vs. Ohio Northern. Ask your pastor for the time schedule and plan to attend! You can be one of the 250 next September.

## WESTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

The Bible College is making plans for two seminars for pastors and missionaries, one to be held in Seattle, Washington, August 10-14, and the other on the El Cerrito campus, August 17-22. These seminars provide an intensive program to supplement the Christian worker's previous training, and to enhance his usefulness by acquainting him with new techniques of counselling, and new trends in theological thinking. Credit may be earned in the seminars which can be applied on the full program of instruction at the Bible College. A new feature of the seminars this year will be

evening classes for church and Sunday School officers and teachers.

The spring tour of the choir this year will take the group to seventeen churches in California, and will extend through the two weeks of the spring vacation preceding Easter.

By the middle of February, the Accreditation Crusade had recorded commitments totaling approximately \$9,000. The commitments have a year to run, but the response of GARB churches and members must be a matter of record before the Accrediting Asso-

ciation Executive Committee meets in April.

The spring semester saw fourteen new students enrolled, with two former students re-entering, and the semester was given a good beginning with the first week devoted to the best Missionary Conference in the history of the school. All five of the approved agencies were represented, and two services were held on the campus daily. A number of students responded to the invitation in the closing service, indicating their belief that the Lord had called them to missionary service.

## NEWS FROM BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY

The blessing of the Lord has been evidenced in many ways in the street meetings which are conducted by four different student groups of Baptist Bible Seminary. A member of a teenage "gang" was dealt with. After he made a decision to accept the Lord as his Saviour, the change in his life was so noticeable that other members of the gang have sought out B.B.S. students and questioned them about the cause of

their former pal's change in attitude.

January 28th to 30th Rev. Carson Fremont, missionary to the Philippines under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism will be the speaker for the Spiritual Life Conference. We are looking to the Lord for a time of blessing as we open our second semester. We are thankful for the steady stream of our graduates that the Lord is sending to the

foreign field. An increasing number are entering the home mission field also.

The Seminary Library recently received a photo offset copy of Codex Sinaiticus. The volume was presented to the Seminary by the First Baptist Church of Cadosia, New York. This is an interesting and valuable contribution to the Library that now numbers approximately 20,000 volumes.



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time service to the LORD. In this revival many whole families united with the Church and on Saturday night before the last Sunday service, the Church held an all night prayer meeting, with many members in attendance. A large number of these attending saying, that this was the happiest night of their lives.

The ladies and men of the Church went visiting in spite of extremely bad weather, rain, sleet, ice and snow. The Pastor and Evangelist visited in the early morning until time for services day by day. There were two people led to the Lord in their homes, one of them a 70 year old invalid man and a young Catholic mother who trusted the Lord.

The Pastor would like to take this opportunity to recommend Evangelist J. Oscar Wells as an outstanding Evangelist with a real love for the Lord and a passion for lost souls.

## EMMANUEL BAPTIST, Toledo

The Winter Missionary Conference of Baptist Mid-Missions was held at Emmanuel Feb. 19-22. Missionaries speaking were Miss Carol Bentz of Assam; Rev. Carl Nuss, working among the Mexicans in Colorado; Rev. Ralph Mulder, doing a similar work in Texas; Miss Lois Hemmelman of France; Rev. Gordon Mellish of Liberia; Rev. Kenneth Updyke of Ghana; Rev. Elmer Hutchison of Belgian Congo; and Rev. Harold Reiner of Brazil. We hope to report more about the crowds and about newly accepted candidates next month.

## FIRST BAPTIST, Gallipolis

Jan. 25th sixteen followed their Lord in baptism, and were welcomed the following Sunday by Pastor Howard Young. Several others were welcomed, who came by letter and experience.

## EVANSVILLE BAPTIST, Niles

Eleven have been baptized since January first, and nine more were recently saved. A real revival spirit is present, which should augur well for the Six Days With The Suffering Savior which will be held March 22-27, with Ralph T. Nordlund as the speaker.

## NKRUMAH ACCEPTS PTL TESTAMENT



Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Premier of Ghana, was presented with a pocket edition of the New Testament at the recent All-African Peoples Conference at Accra, Ghana. The presentation was made at the Government House by Mr. Glenn Wagner, Foreign Secretary of the Pocket Testament League, and Mr. Sam Befus, Field Director of the League in Africa. Dr. Nkrumah graciously accepted the New Testament with these words, "I will make good use of this precious gift" and went on to say, "I wish you well," referring to the Pocket Testament League's Africa Campaign of mass evangelization and Scripture distribution. In the past three years The Pocket Testament League has distributed four million portions of Scripture in 25 of the principal languages and in 14 countries of Africa. Currently the League is engaged in an intensive campaign in Nigeria, Africa's largest nation, and in Ghana, the center of much of Africa's struggle for political freedom. Once again God has providentially called the Pocket Testament League to work in a strategic area of the world. Join us in prayer and financial support. Write Alfred A. Kunz, International Director

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## ROAMINGS OF THE EDITOR

Roamings or Ramblings, which ever you call it, are mostly done in a Chevrolet and sometimes in bad weather by bus. Since our last report we have roamed the country to Columbus, Findlay, Tiffin, Galion and Copley. The last Sunday of January was just a week after the flood, but Memorial Baptist in Columbus had about 275 in Sunday school and Emmanuel had 325. We preached for Pastor Clawson at Memorial in the morning and for Pastor Brock at Emmanuel that night. Truly that was a wonderful day having the privilege of going through two brand new church plants (and very nice ones too) in one day, and of preaching where folks were really enthusiastic. They always are that way when they have a new and larger building to fill. Both of these buildings are planned to take care of about 500 people and if the Lord tarries and missiles don't fly, they will very likely fill them both in two or three years. Pastors Clawson and Brock are both very hard working men and in a sense these new buildings are monuments to their industry.

February first it was good to be home and listen to Pastor Tucker and take communion along with old friends. Big news is

in the making there, but we will hold that until it breaks. In the meantime we can say that souls continue to be saved and Feb. 22nd there will be another baptismal service.

That night Mrs. Nordlund and I went to hear Pastor Melvin Welch at Findlay and heard a study on the "if's" of Jesus in the eighth chapter of John. It was different and good. Of course he let me say a few words about the OIB, and then he insisted some one must volunteer to be a subscription agent. A young lady volunteered and it was good to see how she went to work right after the service and got several promises nailed down. That is what it takes to get subscriptions!

The eighth it was our privilege to preach for Pastor G. H. Wiseman at the Calvary Baptist Church of Tiffin in the morning and for Pastor Wilfred Booth at Galion that night, speaking on the need of revival in both places. God is reviving the Tiffin church, with many additions, and the work is going good at Galion also. The Tiffin church is small but growing, and is the "singingest" church we know of. Not only does the congregation sing, but they have an extra fine women's

sextet. First Baptist at Galion has to pack people in mornings, and had a fair audience Sunday night. One of these days they are going to have to build on their new location.

Last summer we supplied for Pastor Olin Ulrey at Christ's Missionary Baptist Church in Copley a suburb on the west side of Akron. We were very pleased when asked to come back for a Bible Conference Feb. 13-15. This church has had a rather checkered history, but was re-organized by Pastor Ulrey about four years ago and is now beginning to show some solid growth. There are 23 members, but the Sunday school runs in the sixties, and there is a large field for future growth once they get a better building. The beams are already there to raise the building and put a basement under it and then plans call for an auditorium out in front. We had a wonderful time there with the Book. Several members have or are attending the Akron Bible Institute, and they know how to take notes and check up on a preacher. To leave the best news to the last, they have already voted to seek fellowship in our association and we have no doubt but what they will be welcomed.

## MISSIONARY BRIEFS

The Wycliffe Bible Translators report missionaries in the jungle areas of Peru are in danger because of a rumor that has spread through the tribes that the White man's airplanes are being run by human grease, obtained by killing Indians. Only by sending native Christians ahead, can they gather the frightened Indians for services or avoid great danger to themselves.

French Equatorial Africa voted for independence last fall, when Premier DeGaulle gave the colonies the right to choose. From now on it will be known as Republique Centre Africaine and a new government is being organized. It does not include the Tchad and Oubangui-Chari regions, and no visas will be necessary for the Baptist Mid-Missions workers who travel back and forth. As long as the new nation is linked with France in a French block of nations, missionaries are not fearing any great difficulties from the change;

and yet who can tell what the future holds? Prayer must keep the missionary doors open.

Vernon Chandler, while home on furlough, is busy trying to get a Bible Film Library that he can take back to teach Bible history and the Gospel Story in southern Japan. In this way he hopes to attract bigger crowds and help them to remember the Bible truths better. Japan is a land of movie theatres and T-V, and it is easier to reach them through pictures than sermons.

Harold Chilton writes from Manila, "These are days of great opportunity in the Philippines. Many new evangelistic centers are being opened and there is a favorable response to the Gospel in many places. On "All Saints' Day" we went to the entrance of one of Manila's huge cemeteries and in two hours gave out 10,000 tracts, hardly one of which was thrown

away. Sometimes we have to bear the discouragement of seeing once friendly people shun us and the Gospel, even running away because of fictions circulated by Romanist priests and nuns. Example: 'If you attend the Protestant's meetings, you will turn black.' But for the most part we and our fellow workers are well received."

The Walter Spieth family is busy in British Guiana. He serves as director and teacher in the Georgetown Bible Institute, conducts a half hour Sunday afternoon broadcast, acts as business representative for some of the Baptist Mid-Mission workers in northern Brazil, and helps with a city-wide youth organization. He supervises the work of native workers that carry on Gospel services in six churches and missions. The Georgetown Baptist Church has especially grown — 150% over what it was when he came home on furlough a year or more ago.